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Sir:

The following information is disclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

The following patents, which are listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and submitted herewith in copy, are considered relevant prior art.

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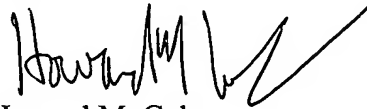
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Due consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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